15th Air Force Heavy Bomber Units

The following table shows Heavy Bomber units of the 15th Air Force and their nearest city or cross road locations. Commanding officers are shown as of April 30, 1945.

Note: Operational dates show time commands became combat active in the MTO Mediterranean Theater of Operations until they were inactivated. Hostilities ended in May 1945. Combat flying ended in the month of April 1945. Some units remained in Europe after VE day to fly mercy and supply missions.

15th Air Force
CO Maj/Gen Nathan F. Twining, HQ Bari
VC Brig/Gen William E. Hall

5th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Charles W. Lawrence—HQ Foggia 11/43 to 11/45

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates, and Location

- 463 B-17 3/44 to 9/45
  Celone
- 483rd B-17 3/44 to 5/45
  Sterparone

47th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Hugo P. Rush
HQ Manduria

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates, and Location

- 98th BG * B-24 11/43 to 11/45
  Lecce
- 376th * B-24 11/43 to 11/45
  San Pancrazio
- 449th B-24 12/43 to 5/45
  Grottaglie
- 450th B-24 12/43 to 5/45
  Manduria

49th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen William L. Lee
HQ Castelluccia

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates, and Location

- 451st BG B-24 1/44 to 9/45
  Castelluccia
- 461st BG B-24 2/44 to 8/45
  Torretta
- 484th BG B-24 4/44 to 7/45
  Torretta

304th Bomb Wing
CO Brig/Gen Ray R. Upham
HQ Cerignola

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates, and Location

- 460th BG B-24 2/44 to 9/45
  Spinazzola
- 5464th BG B-24 3/44 to 5/45
  Pantanella
- 465th BG B-24 4/44 to 7/45
  Pantanella
- 485th BG B-24 4/44 to 5/45
  Venosa

*98th & 376th BGs redeployed 4/19/45

15th Air Force Fighter Units

306th Fighter Wing
CO Brig/Gen Yantis H. Taylor
HQ Fano

Group, Equipment, Operational Dates, and Location

- 1st FG P-38 12/43 to 10/45
  Lesina
- 14th FG P-38 11/43 to 9/45
  Triolo
- 31st FG P-51 4/44 to 11/45
  Mondolfo
- 52nd FG P-51 5/44 to 11/45
  Piagiolo
- 82nd FG P-38 11/43 to 9/45
  Vincenzo
- 325th FG P-47/P-51* 12/43 to 10/45
  Mondolfo
- 332nd FG P-47/P-51* 5/44 to 10/45
  Ramitelli

* P-47s replaced by P-51s in May 1944